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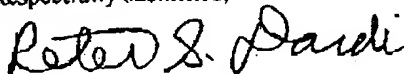
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE  
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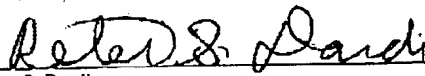
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of one (1) month (from February 18, 2004 to March 18, 2004) within which to respond to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003 is requested. Applicants are entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 for the required fees of \$55.00.

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